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SUBJECT: DANISH ASSUMPTION OF SONDRESTROM ACC FROM USAF

REFS: (A) COPENHAGEN 2625; (B) COPENHAGEN 2985;

(C) STATE 054296

1. IN RESPONSE REFS A AND B, GUIDANCE PROVIDED REF C IS
MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EVENTS SUB-
SEQUENT TO REF C AND DESCRIBED REF A.

2. REF A, PARA 5, ALTERNATIVE B, SHOULD BE PURSUED,
NAMELY THAT MFA AND EMBASSY EXCHANGE NOTES RECOGNIZING
NEW DRAFT APPENDIX AS A REPLACEMENT EN TOTO, EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 1976, FOR PRESENT APPENDIX TO AIR SERVICE
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AGREEMENT OF JULY 7, 1960. USAF WEATHER SERVICE AND

MAC HAVE RECOMMENDED MINOR REVISIONS TO DRAFT APPENDIX NEGOTIATED BY USAF/NCA AND DCAA, WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WITH DANISH REPRESENTATIVES IN OTTAWA THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6. ASSUMING TEXT OF NEW APPENDIX WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG AND THAT DANISH REACTION IS FAVORABLE TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES (AS OUTLINED BELOW) AUTHORITY FOR EMBASSY TO CONCLUDE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WILL BE PROVIDED FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WASHINGTON REVIEW. IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASCERTAINING WHETHER DRAFT TEXT

OF NOTE BELOW WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO DANISH AUTHORITIES.

3. BEGIN DRAFT TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE UTILIZATION OF SONDRESTROM AIR BASE, GREENLAND, BY COMMERCIAL AND CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, IN PARTICULAR THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED OPERATION TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL AND CIVILIAN AVIATION UTILIZING SONDRESTROM AIR BASE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31, 1975, THE DATE AS OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INTENDS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SONDRESTROM AREA CONTROL CENTER. IN THE COURSE OF THE FOREGOING DISCUSSIONS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WAS REACHED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF SUITABLY MODIFYING THE APPENDIX TO THE AGREEMENT OF JULY 7, 1960 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK CONCERNING AERONAUTICAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN GREENLAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 THEREOF. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT THE APPENDIX OF THE AGREEMENT OF JULY 7, 1960, BE AMENDED EN TOTO BY SUBSTITUTING THE TEXT OF THE ATTACHED NEW APPENDIX, WHICH AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 1976. IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE FURTHER HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE, TOGETHER WITH THE NOTE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN REPLY, CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK, EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF REPLY. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.) END TEXT.

4. IN RESPONSE PARA 6, REF A, USAF IS TAKING ACTION TO GIVE IMMEDIATE NOTICE TO DANISH EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT TO USAF ACC OF TERMINATION OF USAF EMPLOYMENT.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK RE PROSPECT OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF THESE PERSONNEL.

5. DRAFT MOU REGARDING FUTURE OPERATION OF SONDRESTROM AB, GREENLAND, PROPOSED BY ROYAL GREENLAND TRADE DEPARTMENT (RGTD) TO SUPERSEDE 1968 SONDRESTROM MOU, REQUIRES ADDITIONAL STUDY. PREPARATION OF US DRAFT IS UNDERWAY

TO FACILITATE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH DENMARK. ACCORDINGLY, ALTHOUGH 1968 MOU WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCES TO ATC FUNCTIONS OF ACC WHICH ARE NO LONGER ACCURATE DUE TO USAF WITHDRAWAL AS REFLECTED IN NEW APPENDIX TO 1960 AGREEMENT, THIS WILL ALREADY BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN NEW APPENDIX AND, RATHER THAN AMEND 1968 MOU AT THIS TIME, IT IS PREFERABLE TO LEAVE IT UNCHANGED PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION OF NEW MOU.

5. IN SUMMARY: (A) APPROVAL FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY FOLLOWING WASHINGTON REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT TEXT OF NEW APPENDIX; AND (B) 1968 MOU SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR TIME BEING, PENDING ACTION OF NEW MOU. KISSINGER

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